

REMARKS

The Examiner has asserted that following figures represent patentably distinct species of the claimed invention for which there is no generic claim:

Species A – figure 3
Species B – figure 4
Species C – figure 5
Species D – figures 6-6A
Species E – figures 7A-E
Species F – figures 8A-D
Species G – figure 9
Species H – figure 10A-C

Applicants elect Species H for prosecution, without traverse. Claims 23-31 are readable upon the elected species, claim 23 being generic. Claims 1-22 are withdrawn from consideration. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims 1-22 in a divisional or continuation application.

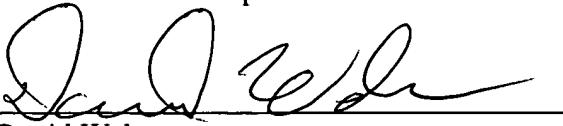
If the Examiner does not agree that claims 23-31 all read on the elected Species H, Applicants alternatively elect prosecution of claims 23-27, claim 23 being generic.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims now pending are allowable over the prior art. Therefore, Applicant earnestly seeks a notice of allowance and prompt issuance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 502317.

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